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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

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TAP-IT ORDERS

There has been much confusion when placing your Tap-It orders for the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

Please remember that orders must be placed no later than Monday of the week prior to the delivery you are requesting.

Example:

An order must be placed no later than September 29, 2008, FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6-10, 2008

(If you placed an order on Friday, September 26, delivery will be the week of October 6-10).

SCHOOL REVIEWS ARE YOU READY?

The following schools will be reviewed during the 2008-09 school year:

Anaconda, Augusta, Bainville, Big Sandy, Billings, Billings Central Catholic, Blaine County Detention Center, Blue Creek, Box Elder, Broadview, Brockton, Browning, Cascade County, Centerville, Chinook, Columbus, Custer, East Glacier, Froid, Fromberg, Geraldine, Gilford Colony, Great Falls, Great Falls Children's Home, Harlowton, Highwood, Hinsdale, Hot Springs, Huntley Project, Judith Gap, Kairos,



Lake County Youth, Lincoln, Lockwood, Lustre, Medicine Lake, North Star, Holy Spirit, Paradise, Park City, Plains, Plentywood, Polson, Rapelje, Reed Point, Rocky Boy, Shepherd, St. Jude, and Thompson Falls.

Schools scheduled for review, will be sent a notification letter with complete instructions for preparing for the review. Schools are also expected to submit information for a nutrient analysis prior to the review. Instructions for the nutrient analysis are mailed when schools are notified of the date of their review.

The review schedule is flexible, so set dates for all reviews are not available at this time. If your school is on the review list, look for your notification letter and instructions for preparing for the reviews approximately one month prior to the review date. Thanks everyone for all your hard work throughout the school year. If you have questions, please call School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

eREBATE PROGRAM REMINDER

Sign up forms are available at www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html for all the rebate programs. This year along with Schwan's, the Max EZ Cheez program and the MCI Los Cabos Cheddar Cheese have been added.



Schools must fill out the authorization form and fax it to the appropriate company before receiving rebate checks for purchasing products that contain commodity cheese. Schools that signed up for the Schwan's program last year do not need to sign up for that program again.

The deadline for signing up for the rebate programs will be **October 10, 2008**.

STILL AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT 4

The following products are still available for the next frozen shipment. There are 742 cases of Blueberries at \$64.12 per case, 301 cases of Chix Fajita Meat at \$67.58 per case, 37 cases of Mozzarella Lite Shredded Cheese at \$68.59 per case, 134 cases of Strawberry Cups at \$33.06 per case, 96 cases of BONUS Strawberry Cups, and 206 cases of Turkey Roasts at \$71.28 per case.

To place additional orders fax your commodity request form to (406) 444-2955. The form is available at www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html. **Deadline for additional orders is October 10, 2008.**

CELEBRATE SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

National School Lunch Week is October 13-17. This year's theme is Vote for School Lunch 2008 Presidential Edition. For menu ideas and tools you can use to celebrate at your school visit the School Nutrition Association Web site at <http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/nslw2008/>.



ENTITLEMENT CALCULATIONS

The Planned Assistance Level (PAL) represents the dollar value of the USDA commodities your school is eligible to receive during the school year.

PAL is calculated by taking your Average Daily Meals (ADM) from the 2007-08 school year times the per-meal value of donated food assistance for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The per-meal value is published each year by the USDA. The 2008-09 school year is 20.75 cents per meal.

An updated PAL list will be available at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/index.html> soon. You may also find your entitlement on the Notice of Shipment you receive prior to each shipment.

ADVISORY BID COMMODITY COUNCIL MEETINGS COMING UP

The fall ABC meetings are scheduled for October 28 in Missoula, October 29 in Great Falls and in Miles City on October 31.

To include topics on the agenda, contact any committee member. Agenda items need to be received at the OPI School Nutrition Programs office by October 17. Fax agenda items to (406) 444-2955 or e-mail Brenda Peppers at bpeppers@mt.gov.

